

Some people say I violate the law by selling gambling houses, but I am responsible and take the responsibility. I will say that I believe I am well within the law. I am using the law of public nuisance and under this method the Magistrates have been able to aid. We have been able to take possession of disorderly houses and gambling houses and stay there indefinitely.

"That is the situation. That is what we did with Rosenthal in twelve gambling houses. Then he made his disclosures and I think it was fortunate that he made them. The Police Commissioner could not have brought about these exposures because he could not offer immunity. The District Attorney can."

"Mr. Jerome had a law passed to aid him in stopping the gambling in the city, but there were just as many gambling houses when he left office as before."

The Mayor stopped in his discourse several times to accuse "corrupt newspapers" of distorting the truth.

**NO MILLIONAIRE POLICE IN HIS ADMINISTRATION.**

"When I came into office," he continued, "the graft in the force was fully organized and had been for twenty-five years. The heads of police had gone out with great fortunes with city and country houses. You all know that as well as I do, but there will be no millionaires leaving the force under my administration."

"The political scandals back of the rambler and the corrupt newspapers made a bitter attack when it was evident that Commissioner Cropper was going to break up gambling."

"When I say I am going to break up the rich gambler and their rich patrons they can open up a big attack on you. But my work will continue on. The more the police did the more it has been announced. While all this investigation has been going on Commissioner Newburger and Rabbi Maxey, without a press agent, have closed twenty-three places. It is emphatically not so that our police force is inefficient or corrupt. What evil is here is confined to one of two districts in Manhattan."

**BOASTS THAT HE STOPPED POLICE GRAFT.**

The Mayor then told of his effort to stop the saloon graft.

"The excise graft at its lowest was \$5 a month, making \$3,000,000 a year. All of that was wiped out by enforcing the excise law in the right way. The policemen were not allowed to enter saloons unless ordered to do so. If the policemen were allowed to go into these places they would take money to stay out. We can't supply a policeman for every liquor place because there are as many saloons as policemen. We have been able to throw dust in the eyes of the people of this city."

The Mayor then returned to gambling and told of the organizing of the special vice squad of 150 men under three lieutenants, Becker and two others.

"Of these men only one grafter developed—Becker. The other two were spotless although they were tempted. The more we did with that force the more we met with opposition, especially from the newspapers that are the organs of the criminal classes."

"The disclosures heard of from Sipp would not have come out if I had not insisted on his being arrested after he ran away from the city. Strangely enough, I got more abuse for that than for anything I have done. It was said we were hampering the District Attorney. We have been backing him up as much as we could."

**"GRULL" TO CALL POLICE FORCE CORRUPT.**

"The force is absolutely splendid as a whole and to make out this force as corrupt is a most cruel thing and unjust. It tends to discourage the force. It disheartens the men and it is a wrong to the government of this city. It is time to show that this corruption is a matter of a quarter of a century, but that at present it is confined only to a few spots and possibly fifty men."

"I have when I first took office there were corrupt men on the force. We detained eleven inspectors and retired or got rid of fifteen captains. It is hard to do anything with a man who has been a grafter twenty-five years."

"But I am not discouraged. The abuse and corruption of the police is a political scandal and I am not referring to any particular party, for those chaps are in both, have been enormous. It is not easy work. I could make my bed of roses if I would wink my eyes."

**DECLARES NEWSPAPERS ARE "IN" ON THE GRAFT.**

"We welcome every exposure. These scandals pay newspaper writers, but editorials and the newspapers have been in the graft to the amount of twenty-five years. We did not get a line in the newspapers when Rabbi Maxey and Commissioner Newburger closed notorious gambling places. We had no lying press agent."

"I will tell the committee what has been suggested to me for police changes. There is no use passing any law that the community will not cause to be enforced automatically."

"If the commissioner could appoint the inspectors from outside the force he would do much. Either that or give him more deputy commissioners. I have often thought he would have ten. They would come from young army officers, young honest newspaper men and others who would know conditions and how to handle them."

Continuing, Mayor Gaynor said:

"The graft all comes out of the excise, the gambling and prostitution. The police graft has been out to a minimum. I favor a separate force to deal with these three things. I favor it for the reason that I view with alarm the throwing of the blame for these vices on the whole force."

"When it was suggested that this separate force should be cut off entirely from the police and I pointed out that another Becker might be produced. My notion is that if the Commissioner could have more deputies we would not need a separate force."

"But I can say to you that legislation is not necessary at all. I would rather have two good men than all the laws that can be passed."

"The graft will be killed if we can keep up the work we are doing. NO MERCY FOR THE GAMBLERS. MAYOR AGENTS. They are and they will be."

that no quarter should be given the gamblers. They can and they will be driven out. Under the present law the Wall street man who gambles at night to sharpen his wits for to-morrow is guilty of nothing. Only the proprietor is guilty. Now if we make a law sending up the patrons as well as the proprietors there will be an end to gambling."

"Now we come to the social evil. These women are what the men made them. Perhaps we might pass a law that would make a man found in a house of ill-repute equally guilty with the women. But the law does not consider the man in the matter. You might make a zone for these places, but you would have to catch all these women and put them in the zone. Then you would have to keep them inside the zone."

"The whole thing is fanciful, for the men would not be seen going into the zone, and if the men did not go, the women would not go. The natural tendency of such women is to flock together and in this way they can be isolated to some extent."

"Once these women were driven from their haunts. They scattered all over the town to corrupt good women."

**SUGGESTION TO PERMIT SUNDAY LIQUOR SELLING.**

"It has been suggested that we allow Sunday liquor selling. On the Continent they drink on Sunday. In England, Scotland and Ireland they have rules which keeps the drinking places closed during the church hours. The English Government hates spies and does not use them against these places. I put the force on spy duty against the saloons, in thirty days the whole force would come back. But we have eliminated that graft. I fear that prostitution graft is being still paid."

"I understand you want to know what has been done toward uplifting the force. I put an end to clubbing and brutality by the men. Then I stopped the number of arrests. The number was double the number in London for a year. People were being locked up over night for most trifling offenses. This created the professional bondman, but there is not one left now. Instead of being locked up are summoned now. The first year we reduced the number 30,000."

"All the Magistrates work with us now except three in Manhattan. They refuse to issue summonses and spend the time in darning us."

**STOPPED THE SMASHING INTO HOUSES WITHOUT WARRANTS.**

"The next thing I took up was the smashing into houses without warrants. It led to the making of millions in graft. That was the way they collected the graft when it failed to be paid. When a door was smashed in it was a notice to all the other gamblers to pay up."

"We did away with what we call the 'special police.' The abuse was got for this would fill volumes. There were 1,300 of these men who obeyed private individuals. It was no uncommon thing for citizens to be thrown out by thugs known as special policemen. I was ordered off the block by one of them during the baker's strike."

"If I did not put the promotion graft in the force by making the appointments come regularly and numerically from the civil service list. No politician, district leader, priest or anybody else can get promotions or appointments on the force now. How long ago you could buy a captaincy for \$17,000. That was a notorious fact, but no policeman pays 17 cents."

The Mayor declared that he had also broken up the pawnbroker graft. The old system made the man whose watch was stolen pay the pawnbroker for it when it was traced. The Mayor added that the detectives usually got a part of this money. He said that this had been done away with.

**INSPECTORS NEEDED, EVEN WITHOUT NEW DEPUTIES.**

Senator Wagner asked the Mayor if he would do away with the inspectors if he got the ten new deputies.

"I do not go as far as that," replied the Mayor. "The inspector is now only a detail anyhow. Some might be needed in handling the men of the department."

The Mayor, under questioning, said that he did not recommend the separate vice force, and that his idea was only to find a means of relieving the force as a whole from the charge of corruption and wholesale abuse.

Senator Herrick questioned the Mayor along the line of this possible plan of handling vice and brought out from him the conclusion that the ten-year term for a Police Commissioner was not to his liking and he did not think it would work at all.

"Under old police commissions things were worse," he said. "Conditions were never so good as now."

Of his ten deputies plan the Mayor suggested that that should be removable at the pleasure of the Commissioner.

Chairman Wagner thanked the Mayor and adjourned the committee for lunch.

At the afternoon session Allan Robinson, chairman of the Citizens' Committee, gave the information his committee had gathered concerning the police conditions following the Rosenthal murder. His report appears in another column.

E. A. Outerbridge, one of the Citizens' Committee, was called to explain in further detail the operations of the Social Welfare Board. Charles B. Howland, another of the same reforming body, explained that the associate police commissioner by his committee would be under the authority of the Social Welfare Board.

Frederick B. Whiting, of the same committee gave a few pages of ancient Raines law Customs. In his opinion the wiping out of the rear saloon room on Sundays would mean a lessening of graft and other evils.

Dr. Henry Moskowitz, another member of the Citizens' Committee, followed.

"Down in my neighborhood," he said, "we feel that the law should reflect the desire of the people and we are out flat-footed for open saloons on Sunday from 1 in the afternoon to 11 at night. In our foreign sections the foreigners want the law with their meals on Sunday and they are temperate people. Many of the poor saloonkeepers cannot afford the hotel licenses and sometimes they are forced to give graft."

Department of Labor Bill Passed. WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The bill to create a Department of Labor with a Cabinet officer at its head passed the Senate today after less than an hour's consideration. The measure has previously passed the House, but amendments in the Senate will require its passage in conference before it is presented to President Taft.

## SHEA'S CONFESSION CORROBORATED BY PAYERS OF GRAFT

Harlem Poolroom Keepers Swear They Paid \$50 to \$100 Every Month.

INFORMER IS GUARDED

Kept Out of "Systems" Reach After Pleading Guilty and Giving Bail.

The confession of Ashley Shea that he was a collector for Sergeant Peter Duffy from Harlem poolrooms was corroborated today before the regular Grand Jury. Three poolroom keepers said under oath that they paid monthly assessments of from \$50 to \$100 to Shea, with the understanding that he was acting as the agent of Duffy and that Duffy was the agent of Inspector Sweeney. The three poolroom keepers will testify again before the Extraordinary Grand Jury to-morrow.

Shea has told the District Attorney that there were four or five other collectors in Harlem who looked after gambling houses and disorderly houses. The names of these alleged collectors have been given to Mr. Whitman and he has men out investigating. Closely guarded by Lieut. Thomas of the District Attorney's staff and several process servers, Shea appeared before Justice Goff in the Extraordinary Term of the Supreme Court today and entered a plea of guilty to bribery. Shea was remained without bail, but after a conference with District Attorney Whitman he was released on \$1,000 bail.

Shea, who confessed to Mr. Whitman in a six-hour conference yesterday, was kept a prisoner, under guard, all night in the private office of Mr. Whitman, with Detective Edward Leigh and process-server Emil Kling always at his side.

Keepers from the Tombs this morning demanded to know why Shea had not been sent back. They got no satisfaction at the District Attorney's office.

**SHEA KEPT FROM TOMBS TO AVOID "INFLUENCE."**

Shea spent six hours with Mr. Whitman yesterday, at first refusing to make any statement, but finally making a complete revelation of his work in the Bronx, where he served as collector of one of a dozen civilian collectors of graft, turning his collections over to Police Sergeant Peter J. Duffy, said to have been Inspector Dennis Sweeney's man.

Desperate efforts had been made to keep Shea from confession. For four days process servers from Mr. Whitman's office had been unable to locate him after his name had been furnished by Policeman Eugene F. Fox, confederate.

When he was found, Shea agreed to tell his whole story. Then, he has admitted, he was approached by agents of the "system," who put the matter up to him in such a light that when he reached Mr. Whitman's office he declined to talk. After this refusal he was indicted for bribery and sent to the Tombs in default of \$10,000 bail.

After a protracted session with Mr. Whitman and Assistant District Attorney Grohli yesterday, Shea made a complete statement. Then he threw himself upon the mercy of the District Attorney and begged that he be not sent to the Tombs.

Through his attorney, Abraham Levy, Sgt. Peter Duffy, indicted as Sweeney's collector, today entered a plea of not guilty. Mr. Levy took occasion to deny that Duffy was related in any way to Sweeney, whose nephew he was reported to be.

Attorney Alfred J. Talley and District Attorney Whitman filed briefs with Justice Goff in the motion of Inspector Sweeney to inspect the minutes of the Grand Jury which indicted him. Justice Goff announced that he would enter his ruling after he had inspected the papers.

Shea, pale and palpably nervous, was in court during the proceedings. As the time went on, his nervousness increased to such an extent that he was hardly able to sit in his chair. He declined to talk for publication and hurriedly left the building.

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"It damns the woman. A girl once on the book never gets off. She is damned and damned forever with the victim in the position of a prostitute, and so you know, most women are driven to the life by hunger, and should have a chance to get back."

## Tuberculosis Specialist Here to Prove His Serum

(Photographed Especially for The Evening World by a Staff Photographer.)



DR. F. FRIEDMANN.

So far as the licensing system affects graft, you will find that the French prey on unfortunate women just as much as our police are alleged to do. So that I think that both licensing and inspection are forces in countries where they are in practice."

"What about the cable question?"

"It will never be solved till we have Sunday opening. I believe the majority of the people would favor such a law. In this town we could well afford to open the saloons on Sunday. We are full of Anglo-Saxon hypocrisy, however, and possibly such a law might meet defeat."

**CRITICISES PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AMONG POLICE FORCE.**

Mr. McClellan criticized the forming of organizations of officials and men within the Police Department. The different societies, he declared, had been responsible for the rottenness of the force. The members worked only for themselves and increase in salaries, he declared, with no thought for the city or citizens.

"Did you know that a dinner was held Saturday night by the Lieutenant's Association at which an indicted official was present?" asked Mr. Buckner.

"What did you think of it?"

"Damnable."

"Did you know that the same association had prevailed on a certain Commissioner to have the numbers taken off the police lieutenants' shields so that they could never be reported?"

"It's incredible."

This concluded the former Mayor's examination.

**LOW OPPOSES A STATE POLICE FORCE.**

Former Mayor Seth Low told the committee he did not believe in a State police force.

"The Police Department is a part of the administration of the city," he said, "as much so as the Department of Water Supply or Bridges. The Mayor has control of these departments; he should have control of the Police Department, likewise. The Commissioner should be removable at the Mayor's pleasure. The moment the Police Department gets out of touch with the Mayor its efficiency is lost."

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## VASSAR GIRL ELOPES; IS WED WHILE MOTHER TRIES TO HEAD HER OFF

Miss Ruth M. Comins, Whose Father Is Rich, Runs Off With Bookkeeper.

(Special to The Evening World.)

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Miss Ruth M. Comins, a member of the Freshman class at Vassar College and daughter of Martin W. Comins, a wealthy business man of this city, eloped today with Arthur Howard Winn, a young bookkeeper employed in one of the Poughkeepsie factories.

They had hardly started on their journey when Mrs. Comins, mother of the girl, rushed into the City Hall and demanded to know if her daughter had been there. Informed that Mrs. Comins and Mr. Winn had procured a marriage license Mrs. Comins set out to head off the marriage. She telephoned Wappinger Falls and was told that the Rev. Gerald Cunningham, rector of the 21st Episcopal Church of that place had just married the young couple and they were then at New Marlborough, eight miles from Poughkeepsie, boarding a train for New York.

Leaving the telephone Mrs. Comins hurried over to Police Headquarters and demanded the arrest of young Winn. Chief McCabe immediately spread the police net, and was about to telephone to the New York police to intercept the elopers on the arrival of the train, when Mrs. Comins, having taken counsel with her more calmly disposed husband, countermanded her orders to the police and told the Chief to call off his men.

Arthur Winn is twenty-two years of age and his young bride is nineteen.

**SHOT BRIDE TO DEATH FOR INSISTING ON KISS IN THEIR HONEYMOON.**

Married Two Weeks, Vergo Answered Girl's Pleading With Two Bullets From Revolver.

(Special to The Evening World.)

TRINTON, Feb. 26.—Her demand for a kiss caused the death of Mrs. Leago Vergo, nineteen years old, today. Her husband, who is two years her senior, has confessed to the police that he murdered her because she pestered him for a kiss.

The couple were married two weeks ago and were apparently perfectly happy until today. Vergo was preparing to leave the house when his bride asked him to kiss her. He told her he was tired of kissing her. The girl became indignant and insisted, crying and pleading, then demanding.

Vergo was stubborn. He shouted that it was an unnecessary burden on a man to kiss his wife every time he left the house. Mrs. Vergo attempted to detain him by force. He struck her. She grasped his coat.

Vergo pulled a revolver from his pocket and fired twice. The bride dropped dead. The man then tried to end his own life, but inflicted only a slight wound.

**WHY OLD FRIENDS ARE BEST.**

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## PATERSON POLICE TAKE 27 STRIKERS TO BLOCK RIOTING

Arrests Are Made When Crowd Threatens to Wreck Machinery in Plant.

An alarm from the Gehring Dye Works at Ryle avenue and "The Valley of the Rocks," beside the Passaic River, in Paterson, today took fifty reserve policemen, under command of Sgt. Coyle, to the place in automobiles. They found agitation of the L. W. W., advocating the strike of the silk mill workers, had entered the plant and opened the steam pipes, filling the place with hot vapor.

All the dyers had rushed into the yard. Fifty or more seemed in sympathy with the agitators and were talking of going back into the plant and wrecking the machinery, under the cover of the steam clouds. The rest left the place as fast as they could.

Coyle went into the group of trouble-makers and told them to get out of the yard and disperse. They refused and twenty-seven of them were arrested. They will be arraigned before the Recorder to-morrow.

There was a meeting of the strikers in Turn Hall at noon today. The principal speaker was Chief of Police Hinson, who concluded some emphatic advice regarding the advisability of no order and obedience to law by reading the riot act.

The strikers cheered him with apparent sincerity. He had previously demonstrated to them, by closing Turn Hall and every other hall in the city of any size, that he could keep them from meeting, except under the conditions which he dictated. Edward Koettgen and Giovanni Stronchi of the Industrial Workers of the World, also spoke. They carefully warned the strikers to avoid violence.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, who was arrested yesterday for inciting to disorder and went to New York after she had been bailed out, returned to Paterson just before noon. She said she did not intend to make any speeches to-day. Carlo Treves, arrested at the same time, was also bailed out to-day.

Chief Hinson, backed by Mayor McBride and Prosecutor Dunn of Passaic County, maintained a guard about the factories to-day. There were two uniformed men at the door of every mill to see that the weavers and dyers who are out on strike should not molest those who stick to their jobs. Patrols in the factory district were doubled. Many detectives mingled with the crowds on the street. The entire reserve force of the city was held at Police Headquarters, with automobiles ready to take them swiftly to any scene of trouble.

No permits will be issued for street speaking during the strike and any corner orator who may appear, whether strikers or not, will be arrested. This applies to woman suffrage advocates and temperance lecturers as well. Meetings are prohibited by ordinance and may be held only on permit. These are ordinarily freely granted, but will be suspended during the strike.

Invites First Patient to Come at Once.

Dr. W. A. Pittzler, President of the Board of Health of Lorraine, O., and Dr. E. G. Watkins, similar official of Memphis, Tenn., visited Dr. Friedman today and asked him to come to their cities. The scientist refused to go, but said he would instruct both physicians in the use of his culture and give them a supply of the bacilli.

James E. Cooley of No. 122 East Eighth-second street, called on Dr. Friedman with a letter of introduction from Ambassador Leishman. Mr. Cooley has a brother suffering from tuberculosis who is now in New Mexico and is anxious to undergo the Friedman treatment.

"Let him come on at once," said Dr. Friedman, cordially. "My great desire," continued Dr. Friedman, "is to get to work to show the merit of serum treatment as soon as possible and in such a way that the largest possible number may be benefited. A preliminary exploitation of myself or the serum can do no good at all and only detracts my attention from the real purpose of my visit here. Let the results of the treatment speak for it."

**RUNAWAY ON SIDEWALK ENDANGERS HUNDREDS IN SHOPPING CROWD**

Team Starts Down Sixth Avenue and One Horse Dashes Into Broadway.

Two runaway horses ran upon the sidewalk, at Sixth avenue and Thirty-eighth street, this afternoon, and for five blocks endangered hundreds of lives. Women and children dodged into doorways and into the roadway, while the horses tore along.

The runaways were hitched to an Adams Express Company wagon. At Thirty-eighth street while the driver was in a store, they started off. At Thirty-seventh street the wagon wound itself around an "L" pillar and was smashed, leaving the horses free.

Harry Schuerriken, a chauffeur, stopped the first runaway horse at Thirty-sixth street and the densely crowded shopping district, and kept right on the sidewalk.

At Thirty-fourth street, where the biggest shopping crowd is found, the horse made his dash for Broadway. Traffic Policeman Bannon, on fixed post leaped at the horse and missed. A crowd gathered, and the policeman made a second try. He got the horse this time. The crowd cheered.

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**GOULD STIRS WALL STREET.**

Morgan's Revenue for Subway Tie-Up Is Awaited.

The tie-up in subway negotiations because of the Gould interests in Manhattan caused as much interest, and day as it did in the office of the Public Service Commission. Mr. Gould's death, that he had offered to sell his holdings in Manhattan for 175 or a similar price, when the stock has been sold recently around 122, was commented on, but there were many reports that the whole matter concealed a deep-laid financial scheme.

"And what will J. P. Morgan & Co., and Kuhn, Loeb & Co. do to Mr. Gould now?" was a query in Wall Street.

## GIRL MADE A PRISONER DISCOVERS CAPTORS IN COURT; THEY ARE HELD

Hysterical on Stand, Miss Telfer Points Out Men She Accuses.

When Philip Wasserman of No. 232 Burke avenue was arraigned before Magistrate Voorhes in Jersey Avenue Court, Brooklyn, today, on the complaint of eighteen-year-old Anna Telfer of No. 29 Blake avenue, the girl became hysterical.

Wasserman was charged with having induced her to go to Buffalo with him Feb. 5, to take a place in the chorus of a musical comedy which was rehearsing there. She said they were met at Buffalo by Samuel Levine of No. 567 Williams avenue, who took them to what he called an actors' boarding house. There, according to Anna's statement, she was kept a prisoner until Feb. 20, when she escaped and returned home.

In the midst of her testimony the girl began to scream. She pointed to two men sitting in the spectator's benches and cried:

"There's that man Sam Levine now, talking with his brother Nathan. He is the one who took me to that horrible place."

Levine started to leave, but court officers ran into the audience and arrested both him and his brother and took them before the Magistrate.

The Levines were held in \$2,000 bail each on a charge of having conspired with Wasserman, who was held for the Grand Jury in \$1,000 for abduction.

**DR. FRIEDMANN SAYS CURES WILL REFUTE CRITICS**

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venient to the works and for those who call on me for help."

Though Dr. Friedman declined the offer of \$100,